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The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: PARATRANSIT SERVICES (SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4) (3 VOTES)

<u>SUBJECT</u>

This action is to approve the paratransit program for Fiscal Year 2008-09 in the Fourth Supervisorial District.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

- 1. Approve the disbursement of \$608,000 from the Fourth Supervisorial District's Proposition A Local Return Transit Program for the continuation of paratransit services for eligible patrons in the unincorporated County of Los Angeles areas of the Fourth Supervisorial District for Fiscal Year 2008-09. The Fourth Supervisorial District's Paratransit Program includes the following services: Carson/La Rambla, Marina del Rey, Rancho Los Amigos, Teen Mother, and Whittier, et al.
- 2. Authorize the Acting Director of Public Works or his designee to negotiate the following agreement for paratransit services in the Fourth Supervisorial District with the costs and terms as indicated: the Carson/La Rambla and Marina del Rey Paratransit Services, provided by the City of Los Angeles, at a cost to the Fourth Supervisorial District of \$29,000 and \$16,000, respectively, for Fiscal Year 2008-09 (County's total cost for paratransit services in Supervisorial District's 2, 3, and 5 under this three-year agreement is \$795,000).

- 3. Instruct the Acting Director of Public Works or his designee to sign the agreement.
- 4. Find that the proposed program is statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to approve the continuation of paratransit services for eligible patrons of the unincorporated County of Los Angeles (County) areas of the Fourth Supervisorial District and to authorize the Acting Director of Public Works or his designee to negotiate and enter into an agreement with the City of Los Angeles (City) for the provision of services.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs that we provide Service Excellence (Goal 1) and Community Services (Goal 6). This action provides services to the public in a responsive manner. These services improve the mobility of transit-dependent patrons.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

This action authorizes the disbursement of \$608,000 for the continuation of paratransit services for eligible patrons in the unincorporated County areas of the Fourth Supervisorial District for Fiscal Year 2008-09. This paratransit program contains agreements with multiple-year terms; the costs for each fiscal year within each agreement will be submitted for your approval as part of future paratransit programs. Each agreement includes a 30-day no-fault clause for termination.

The existing agreement with the City will expire on June 30, 2008. This action authorizes the Acting Director of Public Works or his designee to negotiate and enter into an agreement with the City to continue services for Fiscal Year 2008-09. The agreement is for the Carson/La Rambla and Marina del Rey Paratransit Services, provided by the City, at a cost to the Fourth Supervisorial District of \$29,000 per year and \$16,000 per year, respectively, for three years beginning Fiscal Year 2008-09 through Fiscal Year 2010-11.

Two paratransit services have agreements that were previously executed. The Rancho Los Amigos Paratransit Service and Teen Mother Paratransit Service are provided under existing agreements for a combined Fourth Supervisorial District Fiscal Year 2008-09 disbursement of \$213,000.

The Whittier, et al., Paratransit Agreement, which includes the unincorporated areas of Avocado Heights, Bassett, Covina Islands, Hacienda Heights, Rowland Heights, and South San Gabriel, will expire on June 30, 2008. It will be awarded through a competitive selection process with an estimated Fourth Supervisorial District Fiscal Year 2008-09 cost of \$350,000. We will submit this contract for your approval under a separate Board action.

The Fiscal Year 2008-09 Paratransit Program Budget for the Fourth Supervisorial District totals \$608,000, which includes, with your approval, services authorized by your Board action for \$45,000; the previously executed service agreements for \$213,000; and the award through the competitive selection process of an estimated cost of \$350,000. The attachment lists these services with providers, terms, and the Fourth Supervisorial District's Fiscal Year 2008-09 contract amounts.

The necessary funds are available in the Fourth Supervisorial District's Proposition A Local Return Transit Program, included in the proposed Fiscal Year 2008-09 Transit Enterprise Fund Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On January 4, 1983, your Board directed that funds for paratransit services should be provided from each supervisorial district's allocation of the County's Proposition A Local Return Transit Program at the discretion of each supervisor. In Fiscal Year 1983-84, and in subsequent fiscal years, your Board approved paratransit services providing transportation opportunities for eligible patrons of the unincorporated County areas.

The agreement with the City for the paratransit services will be in compliance with the mandatory jury service requirements as set forth in the Los Angeles County Code, Chapters 2.203.010 through 2.203.090, Jury Service Program. The agreement will be signed after receiving the signed Jury Service Program Exception and Certification form. The agreement will be approved as to form by County Counsel prior to execution.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed activity is statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 21080(b)(10) of the Pubic Resources Code. This exemption provides for the implementation of passenger or commuter transit services.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The paratransit services for eligible patrons of the unincorporated County areas are provided primarily through participation in joint paratransit services with cities and other governmental agencies adjacent to the unincorporated County areas and less frequently through contracts the County enters into with private, for-profit or nonprofit, transportation service providers.

Through participation in joint paratransit services, the County benefits by a lower service cost due to economies of scale, better service to residents because of service coordination and, when available, subsidies provided through grants from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Grant Program (Incentive Grant Program). The Incentive Grant Program provides financial assistance to agencies that coordinate paratransit services across jurisdictional boundaries.

Most of the cities and other governmental agencies, that allow the County to partner with them, contract with private transportation service providers through a competitive selection and procurement process. The County's share of the cost of the service is proportionately based on the number of unincorporated County residents who use the service. When the County contracts directly with a transportation service provider a competitive procurement process is used.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This action provides for the continuation of the current services. The approval of this action will not result in the displacement of any County employees.

CONCLUSION

Please return two adopted copies of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Programs Development Division.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM T FUJIOKA Chief Executive Officer

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Attachment

c: County Counsel

ATTACHMENT SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4 PARATRANSIT SERVICES FISCAL YEAR 2008-09

\$45,000	SUBTOTAL			
\$16,000	06/30/11	3-YEAR	City of Los Angeles' Cityride (1)	Marina del Rey
\$29,000	06/30/11	3-YEAR	City of Los Angeles' Cityride (1)	Carson/La Rambla (with SD 2)
2008-09 BUDGET AMOUNT	AGREEMENT EXPIRATION (not including options)	MULTIPLE YEAR TERMS	PROVIDER	SERVICE AGREEMENT (NEWLY NEGOTIATED)

PREVIOUSLY EXECUTED AGREEMENTS (2)	TS (2)			
Rancho Los Amigos (All Districts)	Los Amigos Research and Education Institute (1)	2-YEAR	06/30/06	\$207,000
Teen Mother (with SD 1 & SD 4)	Hacienda/La Puente Unified School District (1)	5-YEAR	06/30/12	\$6,000
			SUBTOTAL	\$213.000

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (3)				
Whittier Et Al.	To be determined	1- YEAR + 4 (1-YR) options	06/30/06	\$350,000
			SUBTOTAL	\$350,000

\$608,000
GRAND TOTAL

NOTE:

(1) City, Joint Powers Authority, or Governmental Agency

(2) Agreements were executed in prior years. This action approves the FY 2008-09 contract amount.

(3) To be awarded through competitive selection process under separate Board Action.